

NC Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council

House Select Committee on
Childhood Obesity
January 12, 2012

Who We Are: Statutory Purpose

NC G.S. 106-830: Advisory Council

August 2009

***...Contribute to Building a
Local Food Economy...***

Statutory Duties

- Consider Programmatic Issues and Develop Policies
 - Health & Wellness, Hunger & Food Access, Economic Development, and Preservation of Farmlands & Water Resources
 - “Any ... program and policy issues the Council considers pertinent.”
- Annual Report
 - Findings and Recommendations
 - Any Legislative Proposals
 - Proposals for Administrative Action

NC SLFAC Membership

27 Members:

- Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Health Director
- Secretary of Commerce
- 6 farmers and 1 commercial fisherman
- Representatives of NGOs, Agencies

Definitions

Sustainable food.

An integrated system of plant and animal production practices that do all of the following:

- a. Satisfy human food and fiber needs.
- b. Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agriculture economy depends.
- c. Sustain the economic viability of farm operations.
- d. Enhance the quality of life for farmers and the society as a whole.

Local food.

Food grown within the borders of North Carolina.

Working Structure

3 Subcommittees:

- Economic Development & Infrastructure
- Health, Wellness, Hunger & Food Access
- Land, People & Natural Resources

2010 Recommendations

1. Modify Municipal Annexation
2. Fund ADFP for Military Support
3. NC Farm Transition Network Support
4. Fund the NC SLFAC
5. Establish Liaison to NC Ag Task Force
6. **Support Farm-to-School**
7. **Expand SNAP-ED**
8. **Support EBT and WIC Programs**

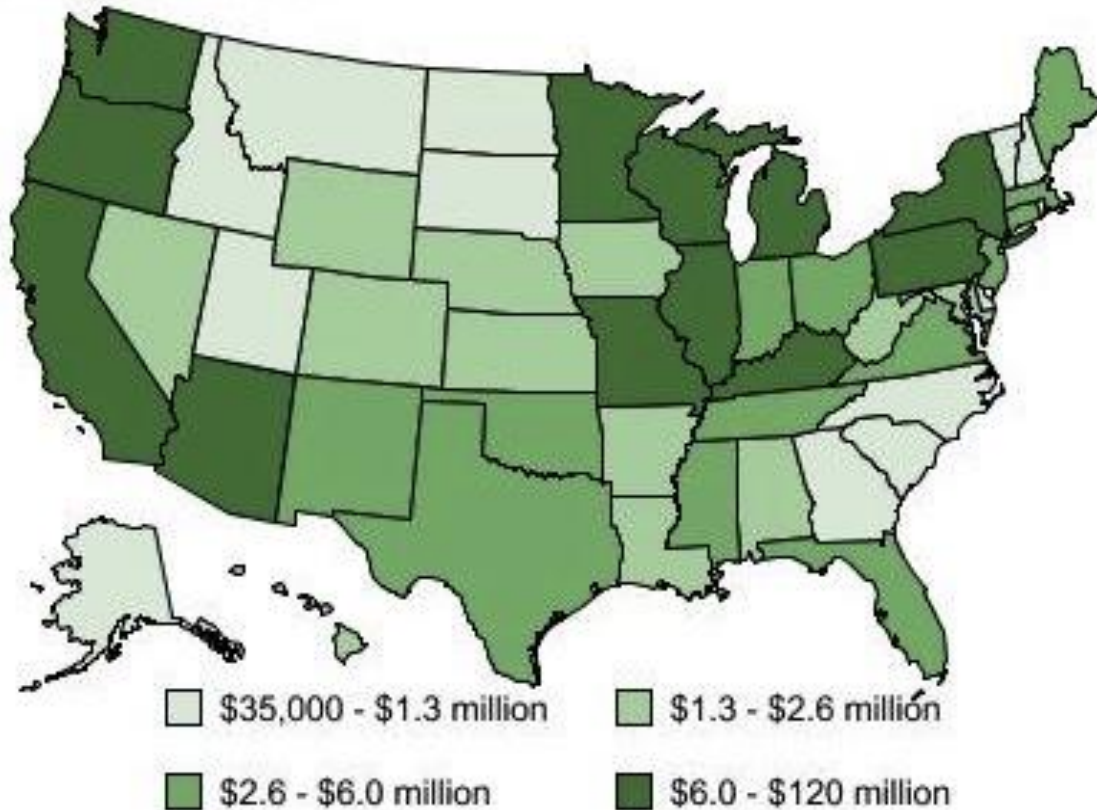
2011 Recommendations

1. Extend Sunset Date
2. Fund Permanent Staff Position
3. **Consumer Survey for Local Food**
4. Listening Sessions
5. Increase Institutional Purchasing
6. Land Condemnation Protection
7. **School Garden BMPs**
8. **Increased funding for School Cafeterias**
9. **Increase local food purchases with SNAP**

Continued Studies

1. **Whole Farm GAP Certification**
2. On-Farm Meat Processing
3. Small Niche Market Processors
4. Waste Management for On-Farm Processing:
Meat & Produce
5. Understanding Regulatory Oversight
6. **Improving Local Seafood Sales**

Investing federal dollars in the local economy and increasing healthy food access – SNAP-Ed – significant growth opportunities ahead



Per Capita Funding per SNAP Recipient*:

North Carolina: \$1.13
Tennessee: \$3.61
Alabama: \$3.76
Mississippi: \$6.18
Kentucky: \$14.06
Washington State: \$23.11
California: \$41.35

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